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Title: Need to include 'calamity caused by sea' in the list of natural calamities.

SHRIMATI J. HELEN DAVIDSON (KANYAKUMARI): In my Parliamentary constituency Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu, there are 47 fishermen community villages, whose major occupation is fishing. These fishermen community of my constituency are losing 5 to 10 fishermen every year. Due to natural calamities, we are losing numerous lives. Due to sea erosion, sea water is entering into the villages. People are losing their houses and their lives are endangered. Such kind of natural calamities are not included in the list of natural calamities eligible for undertaking relief and rehabilitation measures in the affected areas. People are left helpless without any remedy from the side of Government. Fishermen belonging to Kanyakumari District are known as adventurous fishermen, so they go for fishing in Indian Ocean, and return to the shore after a week or more. For these fishermen who lose their lives while they go into the sea, there is no appropriate response and remedy from the government's side. Even for issuing death certificate the Government has fixed completion of 7 years and the families of the missing fishermen have to suffer a lot due to absence of any facilities or welfare schemes from the Government side.

Hence, I urge upon the Government for inclusion of sea calamity in the list of natural calamities. Death certificates should be issued within a period of 6 months to 1 year. Fishermen may be given compensation during the fishing ban period.